

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman has no further speakers, I will yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I simply urge my colleagues to join with Congressman BRIGHT and Congressman DAVIS in support of this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 341.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BRIAN K. SCHRAMM POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1595) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1595

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BRIAN K. SCHRAMM POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 1595 for consideration. This legislation will designate the United States postal facility located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building.

Introduced on March 18, 2009, by my colleague Representative CHRIS LEE of New York and reported out of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on April 2, 2009, by unanimous consent, H.R. 1595 enjoys the support of the entire sitting New York House delegation.

A lifelong resident of the town of Greece in Rochester, New York, Lance Corporal Brian K. Schramm bravely served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. On October 15, 2004, Lance Corporal Schramm was killed in action at the age of 22 during an enemy shrapnel attack in Babil Province, Iraq.

Upon his graduation from Greece Olympia High School in 2001, Lance Corporal Schramm chose to fulfill one of his life's dreams and join the United States Marine Corps. He served his first tour of duty in Iraq shortly following the March 20, 2003, launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he bravely returned to the region in June of 2004 for his second tour.

As noted by his devoted father, Keith, Lance Corporal Schramm was a genuine American hero who clearly knew what he wanted to do in life and he did it. Brian's loving family members also described the young soldier as a strong leader and motivator who was never down. He loved life and treated every day as an opportunity for adventure.

Lance Corporal Schramm's friends and teachers at Greece Olympia High School and the surrounding community similarly remember Brian for his depth of decency, his contagious sense of humor, and his refusal to quit any assignment or mission, regardless of the difficulties he faced or the challenges that he met.

Lance Corporal Schramm's genuine devotion to community service will also never be forgotten. In addition to his courageous military service, Brian frequently returned to his alma mater to discuss the war in Iraq, and was hoping to eventually become a police officer.

It is in light of Brian's character and devotion to public service that Greece Olympia High School has already established the Brian Schramm Scholarship, awarded annually to a college-bound senior who demonstrates the extraordinary qualities exhibited by Brian Schramm. And it is my hope that we can further honor this fallen hero through the passage of this legislation, to dedicate the Latta Road post office building in his name.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Corporal Brian Schramm's life stands as a testament to the bravery and dedication of our heroic men and women who have served our Nation at home and abroad, and I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting H.R. 1595.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H.R. 1595, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building."

Today we honor one of our nation's fallen heroes—Marine Lance Cpl. Brian K. Schramm.

He embodied every sense of the word hero and paid the ultimate sacrifice on October 15, 2004 at the age of 22.

Lance Cpl. Schramm of Rochester, New York, assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, was killed by enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. Schramm had spent five months in the Middle East and Iraq in 2003 and was deployed again to Iraq in June of 2004.

Babil Province was a hotspot south of Baghdad and the U.S. military had launched a major offensive in October of 2004 to try to put down the insurgency. Lance Cpl. Schramm was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq at the time.

Friends and family remember Lance Cpl. Schramm for his enduring sense of humor and decency. A high school friend of his described Schramm as "the most genuine person you'd ever meet in your entire life."

Lance Cpl. Schramm's father, Keith, speaks of Brian's desire to become a Marine early on in his childhood. "It was a lifelong dream" of Brian's to become a Marine.

It is with this in mind that we honor Brian today. With gratitude for his bravery and sacrifice to his country, I ask that all members join me in supporting H.R. 1595, which will rename the post office in Rochester, New York, in Lance Cpl. Brian K. Schramm's honor.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of New York (Mr. LEE), the original sponsor of this legislation.

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Mr. LEE of New York. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I wanted to thank the chairman and the ranking member for helping to bring this legislation to the floor. I also want to thank the members of our New York delegation for cosponsoring this measure.

Last month, I visited with Army National Guardsmen based out of Western New York who spent part of 2007 and most of 2008 serving in Afghanistan. These are soldiers who put their lives on hold for more than a year to help train the Afghan national army and police. They take great pride in the work that they do over there, but what they are most proud of is the fact that everyone came home safe and sound. Of course, not all units are fortunate.

A great hero by the name of Brian Schramm, who grew up in Monroe County, a native of the town of Greece, heard the call to serve early on in his life. He signed up not long after graduating high school and went on to become a tremendous Marine.

On October 15, 2004, Lance Corporal Schramm was on his second tour of Iraq when he became the first resident of the 26th Congressional District to be killed in action in Iraq. He was 22.

Brian made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the values that sustain this country, family, community, hard work and freedom. That is why I introduced this proposal to rename the post office in his honor just a few miles down the road from where Brian had grown up.

This is one way to pay tribute not only to Brian's sacrifices, but those of his loved ones as well, his parents, Keith and Mary Ellen; his older sister, Jennifer; and his two younger brothers, Kyle and Michael.

Keith and Mary Ellen, who I've had the privilege to meet, have honored their son's legacy by becoming very active in local veterans' issues. Mary Ellen recently started the Rochester chapter of Gold Star Mothers.

Being part of a military family requires a great amount of courage, and in Keith and Mary Ellen, the town of Greece has two everyday heroes.

This post office would certainly not be the last tribute to Brian's memory. Each year a student at Brian's alma mater of Greece Olympia High School receives a scholarship in his name. This award is a testament to Brian's incredible work ethic and his lifelong desire to help others.

Today, western New Yorkers seek to take another step towards repaying the great debt of gratitude we owe to Lance Corporal Schramm by redesignating a Federal facility in his honor.

This legislation will make it so that children growing up in the town of Greece now and years to come will ask their parents, who was Brian Schramm? And then they will come to know about the selfless individual and brave patriot who gave his life to protect this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better way to ensure that Brian's legacy endures.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers, but I continue to reserve.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers. And I just ask that my colleagues would give unanimous support for the renaming of this post office for this fallen hero.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I join with the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. LEE) in asking our Members to unanimously support this designation of this post office in memory of Brian Schramm.

I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1595.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES DAY

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 342) expressing support for designation of May 2, 2009, as "Vietnamese Refugees Day".

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 342

Whereas the Library of Congress' Asian Division together with many Vietnamese-American organizations across the United States will sponsor a "Journey to Freedom: A Boat People Retrospective" symposium on May 2, 2009;

Whereas Vietnamese refugees were asylum-seekers from Communist-controlled Vietnam;

Whereas many Vietnamese escaped in boats during the late 1970s, after the Vietnam War and by land across the Cambodian, Laotian, and Thai borders into refugee camps in Thailand;

Whereas over 2,000,000 Vietnamese boat people and other refugees are now spread across the world, in the United States, Australia, Canada, France, England, Germany, China, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, the Philippines, and other nations;

Whereas over half of all overseas Vietnamese are Vietnamese-Americans, and Vietnamese-Americans are the fourth-largest Asian American group in the United States;

Whereas, as of 2006, 72 percent of Vietnamese-Americans were naturalized United States citizens, the highest rate among all Asian groups;

Whereas Vietnamese-Americans have made significant contributions to the rich culture and economic prosperity of the United States;

Whereas Vietnamese-Americans have distinguished themselves in the fields of literature, the arts, science, and athletics, and include actors and actresses, physicists, an astronaut, and Olympic athletes; and

Whereas May 2, 2009, would be an appropriate day to designate as "Vietnamese Refugees Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the designation of "Vietnamese Refugees Day" in order to commemorate the arrival of Vietnamese refugees in the United States, to document their harrowing experiences, and subsequent achievements in their new homeland, to honor the host countries that welcomed the boat people, and to recognize the voluntary agencies and nongovernmental organizations that facilitated their resettlement, adjustment, and assimilation into mainstream society in the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I stand to join my colleagues in the consideration of House Resolution 342, which expresses our support for the designation of May 2, 2009, as "Vietnamese Refugees Day."

And House Resolution 342 was introduced by the gentleman from Louisiana, Congressman CAO, on April 21, 2009, and was considered by and reported from the Oversight Committee on April 23, 2009, by unanimous consent. This measure has the support and cosponsorship of 67 Members of Congress.

Basically, Vietnamese refugees were asylum-seekers from Communist-controlled Vietnam. In the late 1970s, many Vietnamese escaped in boats and by land across the Cambodian, Laotian and the Thai borders into refugee camps in Thailand after the Vietnam war. Over 2 million Vietnamese boat people and other refugees are now spread across the world, in the United States, Australia, Canada, France, England, Germany, Japan, China, Hong Kong and South Korea, also in the Philippines and other nations. Over half of all overseas Vietnamese are Vietnamese-Americans, and Vietnamese-Americans are the fourth largest Asian American group in the United States.

As of 2006, 72 percent of Vietnamese-Americans were naturalized United States citizens, the highest rate among all Asian groups. Vietnamese-Americans have made significant contributions to the rich culture and economic prosperity of the United States.

Vietnamese-Americans have distinguished themselves in fields of literature, the arts, science and athletics, and include actors and actresses, physicists, an astronaut, and Olympic athletes and so on. And on May 2, 2009, many will come together to recognize what has been designated as "Vietnamese Refugees Day."

Mr. Speaker, with this bill, we have the opportunity to commemorate the arrival and integration of Vietnamese refugees into the United States and remember the arduous task that many citizens and the citizens of the world have had to travel to attain for their liberty, safety and prosperity.

I thank the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CAO) for authoring such an important resolution, and I urge my colleagues to join all of us here on the floor now in support of the bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, and I wish to yield as